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1. Approximately 10,000 (sic) Trudovaks, working three shifts per day, were constructing runways and parking strips at the Kumaritsa airfield approximately eight kilometers north of Sofia. The work area was lighted at night. Trudovaks employed in the quarry that supplied the stone worked two 12-hour shifts.
2. The following machinery was being used on the construction of the field:
 - a. Two 3-wheeled trailers which were pulled by tractors;
 - b. Two steamrollers;
 - c. One bulldozer;
 - d. Four stonecrushers (at the quarry);
 - e. Six cement mixers, electrically-driven, on wheels;
 - f. Twenty to thirty air hammers; and
 - g. Ninety-five trucks: 40 Trudovak trucks for carrying building material and supplying the Trudovaks; 15 private trucks from Sofia; 40 trucks taken from Army units in Dragoman and Slivnitsa; approximately 500 hundred soldiers accompanied the trucks.
3. The runway was constructed first: after the strip had been levelled and rolled, it was covered with sand; subsequently hexagonal forms approximately two meters in diameter and quadrangular forms two by two and one-half meters, which had been prepared in advance, were placed on the sand and filled with cement, the blocks thus formed being approximately 20 centimeters thick; finally the spaces between the blocks were filled with asphalt and an undetermined white substance.

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4. After the runway had been completed, work was begun on the taxiway and parking strips.
5. The sketch which is enclosed herewith as an appendix shows the following installations:
 1. Runway.
 2. Taxi strip.
 3. Connecting strips.
 4. Parking areas for approximately 40 planes.
 5. Firing range.
 6. 1-story brick buildings.
 7. Grass.
 8. Woods.

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